

Eudaimarchy (from the Greek eudaimonia, “human flourishing,” and -archy, “rule”) is a proposed form of governance in which the legitimacy and quality of leadership are measured primarily by how effectively a leader improves the material, intellectual, and moral well-being of their people, as evidenced by tangible and lasting outcomes rather than rhetoric or appearances. It rejects the cynic’s view that leadership is merely the pursuit of optics by grounding its standard in measurable progress, and it rebuts the nihilist’s claim that all achievements are ultimately futile by affirming that present flourishing is a moral good in itself. In a truly Eudaimarchic republic, governance is not justified by ideology, tradition, or popularity alone, but by the demonstrable upliftment it delivers. By definition, any flaw that undermines the flourishing of the people (any being that possesses consciousness, capacity for reason, and moral agency.) means the system is not Eudaimarchic.

Short definition: Eudaimarchy — rule justified and measured solely by the tangible flourishing it brings to its people.